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Application of: Robert J. HARIRI

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 05 December 2003 (hereinafter "Final Office Action"), please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is (1) a Request for Continued Examination; (2) an Amendment Fee Sheet; and (3) a Petition for an Extension of Time of two (2) months to and including May 5, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.